

GROWTH GROUP

Study Guide

1 John 4:17-21 – Perfect Love

My Story

1. When you were a child, what one thing did you fear the most? How did your parents help you with that fear?

Digging Deeper

2. God's Word is clear – in 1 Jn. 4:17 (also read 2:28), John speaks of the confidence/boldness we can have in the assurance of our salvation. What can cause a person to doubt or refuse to accept God's assurance in this area?
3. John says that "perfect love casts out fear." How does God's perfect love eliminate all need for a believer to fear the day of judgment and punishment (vv.17-18)?

4. What kinds of things make it harder for us to love one another, than to love God? Is the love John speaks of in verses 19-21 an action, a feeling, or both? Why?

Reflection

5. What does it look like for a Christian to live confidently, in full assurance of their salvation?
6. If you want to do a better job of loving others, how could you go about it?